

insert a poem of his into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD entitled "The Leader," in which he explores the themes of leadership and greatness. May Congress forever remember the greatness of this young man through his words as well as his heroic actions.

THE LEADER

(By Dimmy Gavriel)

How will words of beauty
Sprout root on deafened ears?
When many choose to follow
And so few dare to lead
Forsaken dreams lie prisoners
In vapid minds left blank
Of countless, breathing numbers
Lined up along the track
And then there are the dreamers
Who see beyond the shroud
Distinct are they among us
They shuffle through the crowd
Hope lives among so few
Yet strong it is I know
For I am still a dreamer
Along the track I go

RECOGNIZING THE NEW HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM

HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the New Hartford High School Boys Varsity Soccer team. On Sunday, November 21, 2004, the team concluded an amazing season by winning the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class A Title.

The New Hartford Spartans Varsity Soccer team boasted a 21–2–2 record at the end of the season thanks to the leadership of Coach Christopher Abdoo and Team Captains Andrew Donovan, Stephen Peck, and Matthew Pecheone. Due to the outstanding efforts of the Spartans, they remained undefeated at home and set team records for fewest goals scored against in a season and most wins in a season.

I would also like to recognize Team Captain Matthew Pecheone, and Goalkeeper Max Silberlicht for their outstanding individual achievements. Matthew Pecheone set both the school record for number of goals scored in a season and total number of points in a season. Max Silberlicht set the record for the most shutouts in school history by a goalkeeper.

The title match against the Jericho Jayhawks went into four overtime periods, ending in a draw and both teams holding the title "State Champions". After a game-tying goal in the second-half, the New Hartford Spartans tied the game due to the same tenacious defense that set the school record for fewest goals allowed. I commend the players and coaching staff of the New Hartford Spartan Boys Varsity Soccer team for the hard work, training, and dedication. Congratulations, we are very proud of you.

The 2004 New Hartford High School Boys Varsity Soccer team members include: Mike Alcott, Eric Anderson, Aaren Ashmore, Nick Bergmann, Hans Bjerke, Mihir Buch, Anish Butala, Andrew Donovan, Matthew Eadline, Brandon Goodman, Erik Jerrard, Milind

Kachare. Michael Matt, Mike Payne, Christopher Pecheone, Matthew Pecheone, Steven Peck, John Picano, Max Silberlicht and Andrew Tubis. Head Coach: Christopher Abdoo.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN KLECZKA

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow Member and friend, Congressman JERRY KLECZKA, and to congratulate him on his twenty years of outstanding service to those in Wisconsin's 4th Congressional District.

Since the age of twenty-four, Mr. KLECZKA has been active in the public service sector and has served in the House of Representatives since 1984. Mr. KLECZKA has made a timeless effort to serve his constituents and has demonstrated his commitment to serve those in his local community by becoming a member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Brady Street Area Association, and America's Black Holocaust Museum.

Mr. KLECZKA has illustrated his desire to meet the needs of his constituents by addressing a variety of issues while serving in the House of Representatives. The people of southeast Wisconsin were once faced with the severe problem of elderly abuse in public housing complexes. Recognizing the severity of this situation, Mr. KLECZKA fought back with strong legislation resulting in Milwaukee becoming the first city in the nation to provide elderly-only public housing.

Mr. KLECZKA has demonstrated not only his desire to improve the health and well-being of elderly in unsafe living conditions, but he has also fought for measures to decrease health care costs and increase personal privacy for deserving Americans.

Mr. KLECZKA has also displayed his leadership capabilities by representing not just those in his district, but all citizens from Wisconsin by serving on the House Ways and Means Committee. This committee has allowed him to take an active role in the legislative process and effectively serve the people of Wisconsin.

Mr. KLECZKA has served in the House of Representatives in a respectful manner, and his creative insight for implementing new policy and unselfish dedication to serving others will be greatly missed but not forgotten.

To the Wisconsin delegation, the retirement of JERRY KLECZKA may feel like the Packers losing the leadership and dedication of their head coach Mike Sherman. It will be very difficult to follow in the footsteps of Mr. KLECZKA; however, I am confident that my fellow Wisconsin members will follow the example Jerry Kleczka began twenty years ago.

I want to thank JERRY for his leadership and his friendship. I wish him the best of luck on his new endeavors.

THE AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY'S REPORT ON THE MOON-MARS PROGRAM

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, in November 2004, the American Physical Society (APS) released a report on the MoonMars program. The report reached many important conclusions and I encourage my colleagues to review APS's findings.

Currently, NASA's agenda is set by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Decadal Surveys. The panel is comprised of outstanding scientists who represent the full range of research within astronomy.

According to the report, the scope of the Moon-Mars initiative has not been well defined, its long-term cost has not been adequately addressed, and no budgetary mechanisms have been established to avoid causing damage to NASA's scientific program.

To accommodate the Moon-Mars initiative, NASA has already begun to reprogram its existing budget, resulting in indefinite postponement or delay of scientific programs that were assigned high priority by the NAS decadal studies.

The consensus achieved by the committee is that the recent success of the Mars Rovers demonstrate that we can use robotic means to address many scientific questions. The panel also found that human exploration has a role in NASA, but it must be within a balanced program in which funding is distributed to other initiatives as well.

APS makes 3 recommendations, which I encourage Members of Congress to take into consideration as we continue the debate on the President's Moon-Mars proposal.

First, NASA should continue to be guided by the recommendations of the NAS decadal studies in formulating its science programs.

Second, before the United States commits to the Moon-Mars proposal, a review of the initiative's science impact should be carried out by the NAS.

Finally, before the United States commits to the Moon-Mars proposal, the GAO should estimate the likely budgetary impact.

Given our country's fiscal challenges, I do not think we can afford manned flights to other planets at this time. I am willing to support more unmanned space flights, provided their mission goals are well-defined.

It seems to me NASA's activities should be driven by science, not destinations. This report provides important information on NASA's future and I strongly encourage my colleagues to read it and take the findings into consideration as we continue the debate on Moon-Mars.

HONORING WENDY ABRAMS

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Wendy Abrams of Highland Park, Illinois, on the occasion of her 40th birthday.